PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners September 20, 2004 1101 Oberlin Road

Raleigh, NC 27605

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Norwood G. Clark, Jr., CPA, President; Leonard W. Jones, CPA, Vice President; Arthur M. Winstead, Jr., CPA, Secretary-Treasurer; O. Charlie Chewning, Jr., CPA; Thurman L. Gause; Jordan C. Harris, Jr.; and Michael C. Jordan, CPA.

STAFF ATTENDING: Robert N. Brooks, Executive Director; J. Michael Barham, CPA, Deputy Director; Lisa R. Hearne, Manager-Communications; Ann J. Hinkle, Manager-Professional Standards; Buck Winslow, Manager-Licensing; and Noel L. Allen, Legal Counsel.

GUESTS: Sharon Bryson, Deputy Director, NCACPA; and John Rhatigan, NCSA.

CALL TO ORDER: President Clark called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the August 23, 2004, meeting were approved as submitted.

FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY ITEMS: The financial statements for August 2004 were accepted as submitted.

Messrs. Winstead and Jones moved to authorize the purchase of certificates of deposit for \$97,000.00 at Central Carolina Bank and Mechanics & Farmers Bank. Motion passed.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ITEMS: The Board reviewed the AICPA's August 23, 2004, letter regarding the scoring process for the first testing window of the computer-based Uniform CPA Examination.

The Board reviewed the NASBA Bylaws Committee's August 20, 2004, memorandum regarding the proposed changes to the NASBA bylaws which will be considered at the October 19, 2004, Annual NASBA Business Meeting.

Messrs. Winstead and Chewning moved to approve the agreement between the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) and the Board for the purpose of receiving confidential firm inspection reports. Motion passed.

Messrs. Jones and Jordan moved to approve the confidential use of the National Candidate Database by NASBA for research of information from the candidates to improve the Uniform CPA Examination. Motion passed.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE: Mr. Jones moved and the Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee:

<u>200405-020</u> - Approve a Notice of Hearing for December 20, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. <u>2004085-029</u> - Robert Edwin Stewart. - Approve the Board Order (Appendix I). <u>200408-030</u> - Steven Lynn Foster - Approve the Board Order (Appendix II). <u>200408-031</u> - R. Curtis Kriner - Approve the Board Order (Appendix III). <u>200408-032</u> - William Howard Field - Approve the Board Order (Appendix IV).

Messrs. Harris and Winstead moved to approve the signed Consent Order for Case No. 200103-011 and Case No. 200106-054, Jerry Uriah Britt and Jerry Uriah Britt, CPA, PA. Motion passed with six (6) affirmative votes and zero (0) negative votes (Appendix V).

REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr. Harris moved and the Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee:

Transfer of Grades Applications - The following were approved:

Nancy J. Blanco Michael Joseph Gurrera

Original Certificate Applications - The following were approved:

Amber R.E.A. Ahrens Amanda Tesh Allmon James Spencer Austin Tabatha Marie Beckham Nancy J. Blanco Leslie Gray Bunch Cynthia Duncan Carswell Katrina Leigh Cockerham Stephanie Medlin Coleman Amanda Gail Crabb Eric Kevin Dumais Jessica Summer Eagle Jaime Manson Easley Amy Melissa Fairrel Michelle Sue Fulcher Marcia A. Griffin Michael Joseph Gurrera James Nicholas Hamill Marvin Needham Hardee Jr. Heather Lynn Harjes

Susan Cummings Heath Allison Rinehart Hinkle Larry Dean Jacobs Janet Dunn Jacques Matthew Paul Kaspar Jason Allen Lane Heather Dawn Link Christi T. Martin Thomas Andrew McNeill Jodi Leigh Michaelsen Caroline Cassidy Murray Samuel Thomas Owl Jr. Kristy Lynn Partin Dana Guthrie Pfaff Jill Lynn Raspet Jill Lauren Robinson Ryan Daniel Skuce Jolene Jean Smith Tianna Lannette Smith Sonja Leigh Speck

Christopher Bain Storch Tyler William Tetrick Kimberly Thomas Thompson Garrin Glenn Traill Luis Esteban Velasco Thomas Derek Wheeler David Jackson Williams Heather Marie Williams Lori M. Williams Kelly Annette Woodward

Reciprocal Certificate Applications - The following were approved:

Jeffrey Wade Crumpley John Christopher Dunn Nancy Morgan Erwin Melissa Dawn Ross Scott W. Strothkamp Austin Penn Wachter

Temporary Permits - The following temporary permits were approved by the Executive Director and ratified by the Board:

Lotrel Lynn Feaster T03065
Robert Frederick Weidaw T03066
Margaret Hudgins Burke T03067
Gordon Frederick Chappell T03068
Michael A. Hynes T03069
John Patrick Pless T03070
Kerry Lester Rizzo T03071
Pamela Denise Taylor T03072
Dennis R. Walsh T03073
Anjali Das Arnold T03074
Thomas French Augur Jr. T03075
Michael William Barber T03076

Adam McKinley Breeding T03077
Ashlie Noble Holt T03078
Richard A. Kasnick Jr. T03079
Ulrike Theresia Maieir T03080
Thomas G. Raines T03081
Dion N. Ramsaran T03082
Jonathan E. Sharp T03083
William Richard Sherbert T03084
Brenda Kirkman Templeton T03085
Ruth Andrea Traenkner T03086
John Welton Spann Jr. T03087

Reinstatements - The following were approved:

Karen Patricia Aippersbach #23501 Angie Lou Brummitt #19775 Cathy Lynn Parrish #23682 Carl Eric Sealander #29397

Carolyn Mercer Shields #18968 Gerald Lee Stanley #9320 Leslie Vass Stephens #27911 Barry Clinton Wilhelm Sr. #17137

Firm Registrations - The following professional corporations, professional limited liability companies, and limited liability partnerships were approved by the Executive Director and ratified by the Board:

Stephanie A. Baumer, CPA, PC Karen S. Gray, CPA, PA JAMAL ODEH, CPA, PC Scott Price PC RC SHELTON, CPA, PLLC STILL & COMPANY LLP CERITFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS Harrella T. Whitehead, CPA, MBA, PLLC LYNN M. WILSON, CPA, PLLC

CPE Matters – The Committee reviewed information from Walter B. Davis (#17989). He indicated on his 2002-2003 renewal that he failed to complete his 2002 CPE by 12/31/02 but did complete it by 06/30/03. However, he failed to complete the minimum CPE requirement by 06/30/03. Staff recommended referral to the Professional Standards Committee. The Committee approved staff recommendation.

Conditional Licenses - The Committee placed the following certificates on conditional status:

Frank Pleasants Meadows Jr. #922 Jasper Newton Albright #7970 Timothy Jerome Floyd #8418 Donald Lynn Williams #9321 Michael Dean McFarland #10105 George Baskette Walker #10394 Jerry Dwight Smith #10401 David Alan Dugan #11774 Elizabeth Atkins #12343 Richard Peter Nordan #12506 Kenneth Charles Porter #12546 John William Fritz #12615 Alexandra Ong #12642 Michael Allen Gray #13138 Burton Heyward Calvert Jr. #13829 Tanya Yvette Mitchell #14136 Sheila May Noah #14588 Dan McClary #14878 Robert William Barnes #15032 Mark Jensen #15190 Dana Rivenbark McBrayer #15195 James Allen McLaughlin #15256 Jeffrey Lionel Mott #15585 Linda Allmond Emory #15633 Irma Coyle Clement #15676 Clyde Glenn Jones #15752 Mitchell Chandler Kane #15755 Allison Wolfe Best #16049 Richard Alan Daughtry #16081 Scott Zucca #16168

Michael Maclay Cummings #16339 Jacqueline A. Haskett #16924 Ralph Gray Langley Jr. #17171 Michael Edward Carscaddon #17209 James Raymond Hovis Jr. #17242 Marilyn Goodrich #17404 Michael Allen Longobardo #17458 Beth Atkinson Edmondson #17723 Scott Wilgodt Johnson #18018 Michael Charles Sapyta #18045 Kevin Lee #18317 Vallarie Dawn Massey #18389 Thomas Eugene Croffut #18578 Betty Kay Mitchell #19167 Lisa S. Randel #19545 Lisa Smith Murphy #19773 Dorothy Wellford Connor #19825 Paul David Santrock #19932 James Bigelow Angell #20114 J. Tim Freeman #20471 Lyndon Walker Kennedy #21006 Eric Davis Wells #21035 Andrew John Addison #21167 Gregg W. Bowler #21295 Neal Owen Carnahan #21564 James Melton Carr #21566 William Snowden White #21833 Michael Anthony Winner #21872 William R. Babcock #22028 Pernel Clayton Johnson #22054

William Leaming Jr. #22058 Margaret Elizabeth Malarchik #22188 Rhonda Lee Cobb Lowman #22736 Patricia Joy Costello #22825 Tammy Kay Bolz Bridges #22848 Christopher C. Smalley #22980 Cindy D. Cobb #22992 Bruce Wayne Miller #23055 Patrick Matthew Shaughness #23130 Robert Jeffrey Burkett #23158 Kathryn Ball Huff #23255 Paula B. Eggleston #23824 William David Reinger #24119 Stephanie M Harris #24311 Renee A. Ashe #24766 Erin McCarthy #24833 Justin Phillip Seamonds #24934 Ki Yong Shin #25265 Dawn Parsons Crissman #25362 Steven Allen Krpata #25869 Timothy Wayne Barrier #25955 Kevin Carl Odiorne #25998 Kristi Wissel Snapp #26156 J. Christopher Townsend #26292 Ashley Foster Weir #26436 Melissa McDowell Wright #26521 James Edward Van Dyne #26785 James W. McDonnell III #27001 Matthew James Dressman #27031 Michael Scott Lauler #27049 David Roswell Aaron #27100 Kathy LeAnn Hancock #27133 Laura Miller Earnhart #27244 Wendi Elizabeth McRae #27263

Wendy Camp Stout #27280 Matthew Werner Wakefield #27429 Adesola Onikovi #27557 Holly Banko Hartell #27618 Scott Taylor Witham #27751 Jeffrey M. Luck #27928 Laura Jeanne Odria #28443 Michelle C. Scott #28460 Michael Sean Hassel #28553 Jennifer O'Neil Huneycutt #28565 Walter A. Skorski #28658 Daphne Haith Pinchback #28723 Marcel Drayton #28750 Lori Ann Washburn Furr #28782 Jack Norman Rose #28963 Amy Brooks #28987 Janice Young Gorski #28991 Allison Canner Ray #29069 Patricia Alexandra Baird #29225 Elizabeth Haney Funderburk #29238 David Franklyn Hummel #29247 Dana Matthews Jones #29370 Marsi Miller Cameron #29389 Lawrence S. Miller #29396 Roxanne H. Krotoszynski #29530 William John Kight III #29815 Sun Cho Song #29883 Kathy Lewis Tillman #29959 Marcia Lynn Hewa #29981 Richard Lee Burdeshaw #30085 Robert James Hubbard #30104 Daniel Aaron Leder #30304 Lyn D. McGee #30308

The following individuals were referred to the Professional Standards Committee for a second offense:

Robert Edwards King #2725 Roy Wayne Stewart #12824 Haynes P. Lea #14420 Karl Scott Francis #16510 Virgil Reginald McConnell #17666

Katherine Finley Smithey #18010 Donald Richard Oliver Jr. #18239 Marie K. Miller #19253 James Herman McLawhorn #20218 James Raymond Gummow Jr. #20827 David Allen Wilson #21362 Mary Ann Kirchner #23355 Michael John Pfeiffer #22481 Paul Lawrence Erickson #23991 Sheri Ward Griffin #24115 Jeffrey Ragin Hause #25979 Jennifer Fabrizio #28575

William Vaughn Ward (#25737) was referred to the Professional Standards Committee for a third offense.

The Committee reviewed a request from Dennis K. Isaacson (#13648) to rescind his conditional license. The Committee approved his request.

Examinations - The Committee reviewed and approved the following staff-approved applicants to sit for the CPA Examination:

Russell Glenn Allen

Rachel Amanda Kay Ayers

Assane Badji

Robert Alan Bennett

Marcia Helene Benz

Michael William Bingham

Jason Gary Brasile

Matthew Ray Brown

Aminta Bumrungsup

Misty Dawn Buonsignore

Donna Juanita Byars

Karen Lea Byrd

Kimberly Lynn Byrd

Krista Grace Cahoon

Andrew Alex Callihan Jr

James Allen Canady

Kimberly Renee Carland

Carrie Elizabeth Carter

John Russell Chirokas

Stephanie Michelle Couch

Randy Douglas Crump

Melanie Suzanne DeMotts

Chad Cameron Dickens

Jennifer Emily Dintsch

Jerniner Limity Diffiser

Reese Dickson Dorrier

Martha Susan Durham

Catherine Smoot Eason David William Fisher

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Keith Alan Fiskum

Amy Lynn Ford

Sherri Phipps Garner

Matthew Philip Gilbert

Peyton Taylor Gimbert

Philip Charles Gooding

Linda Joyce Grabe

Shawn Mitchell Graham

Katherine S. Grant

Feng Gu

Jonathan Frederick Guy

Jason Samir Hakooz

Mary Neil Hall

Jerry Lee Hanes Jr

Cori Ann Hansen

Cheryl Ann Harrigan

Emily Kristen Helms

Debra Michelle Hemric

Marissa Leigh Hinesley

Kristin Roberts Holcomb

Carl Allen Howes Ir

Natalie Lane Huffman

Timothy Andres Johnson

William Scott Jones

David Ryan Kunnen

Roger Kessel Kurtz

Jessica Harrell Lang

Jane McNeill Lanier

Penny Sumner Lanier

Termity Surfficer Earlier

Anna Virginia Lavelle

Valerie Holt Leary Jeffrey David Licklider Betsey Pei Yun Lin lie Liu Heather Anne Livingston Kirk Lyndsay Mangum Michael Scott McCrary Thelma Sue McGuire Kimberly LaShun Merritt Danielle Taylor Moody Tonisha Hinton Mozelle Joshua Todd Munsey Jean Marshall Murray Malini Natarajan Michael Gene Nichols Amy Nicole Nobs Leah Beth Payne Noel Audrea Russo Norris Lauren Nicole Page Rebecca Adams Parks Carol Ann Parrott Sharla Dionne Payton Ashley Maureen Prendergast Todd Edward Rankin Samantha Rae Reynolds Robert Hathaway Rhodes II Timothy Everett Riddell Donna A. Rinchisen

Melloney Latresse Robinson Andrew Michael Schmidt David Carroll Seabock Jennifer Deanna Shankle Nisha C. Sheth Heather Skillen Simon Evan Spencer Smith Donna Marie Sofsky Kathleen Trueheart Storrs Martin Van Buren Swindell Michael Edward Szarpa Ricky Samuel Thompson Joshua Ray Turbeville Faryal Mauladad Virk Todd English Wade Rena Lou Wear Stephanie Andrea Weil Elmer Glenn Wessel Jr Christopher David Wetzel Billy Ray Whitesides Sheryl Lyna Williams Latisha Yvette Willis Michael Deane Wilson Laverne M. Wimbush Matthew Jake Wolfe Valana Gaymon Woodson Svetlana Yuryevna Yarmak

Initial exam candidate Kristin Roberts Holcomb requested time and a half on each section of the examination due to attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. The Committee approved her request.

PUBLIC HEARING: President Clark moved to convene the Public Hearing scheduled to hear Case No. 200310-071, Lloyd C. Folks. Through his attorney, Ms. Demyra R. McDonald, Mr. Folks requested a continuance of the Hearing. Messrs. Harris and Chewning moved to enter Closed Session without Staff or Legal Counsel to discuss the matter. Motion passed. Upon re-entering the Public Hearing, Messrs. Winstead and Chewning moved to continue the Public Hearing for Case No. 200310-071, Lloyd C. Folks, until October 25, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. Motion passed with seven (7) affirmative votes and zero (0) negative votes.

CLOSED SESSION: Messrs. Jordan and Winstead moved to enter Closed Session with Staff and Legal Counsel to discuss a disciplinary matter. Motion passed.

PUBLIC SESSION: The Board re-entered Public Session to continue with the Agenda. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: Messrs. Jordan and Harris moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Attested to by:

Robert N. Brooks Executive Director Vorwood G. Clark, Jr., CPA

President

NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: 200408-029

IN THE MATTER OF: Robert Edwin Stewart, #15728

ORDER

THIS CAUSE coming before the Board on September 20, 2004, at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present, the Board finds, based on the clear and convincing evidence presented, that:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Robert Edwin Stewart (hereinafter "Mr. Stewart") is the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina and is therefore subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) and Title 21, Chapter 8 of the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC), including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.

2. Mr. Stewart failed to timely file the annual firm registration in accordance with provisions as required by NCGS 93-12 (7b) and 21 NCAC 8J .0108(b).

3. Mr. Stewart subsequently filed his annual firm registration which was received by the Board on April 21, 2004, in excess of 60 days but not more than 120 days from the annual firm registration date.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Mr. Stewart's failure to timely file the annual firm registration prior to the prescribed filing date is a violation of NCGS 93-12 (7b) and 21 NCAC 8J .0108(b).

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, the Board orders that:

- 1. Mr. Stewart shall pay a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) civil penalty.
- 2. Mr. Stewart 's certificate shall be placed on conditional status for one year from the date this Order is approved.

This the 20th day of September 2004.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

BOARD SEAL

President

NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: 200408-030

IN THE MATTER OF: Steven Lynn Foster, #13970

ORDER

THIS CAUSE coming before the Board on September 20, 2004, at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present, the Board finds, based on the clear and convincing evidence presented, that:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Steven Lynn Foster (hereinafter "Mr. Foster") is the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina and is therefore subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) and Title 21, Chapter 8 of the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC), including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. Mr. Foster failed to timely file the annual firm registration in accordance with provisions as required by NCGS 93-12 (7b) and 21 NCAC 8J .0108(b).
- 3. Mr. Foster, in his capacity as the firm's sole shareholder, filed with the Board his firm's Articles of Dissolution that his firm ceased to exist which were received by the Board on April 5, 2004, in excess of 60 days but not more than 120 days from the annual firm registration date.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Mr. Foster's failure to timely file the annual firm registration or to formally dissolve his corporation with the North Carolina Secretary of State's Office and with the Board by the prescribed filing date is a violation of NCGS 93-12 (7b) and 21 NCAC 8J .0108(b).

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, the Board orders that:

1. Mr. Foster shall pay a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) civil penalty.

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2. Mr. Foster's certificate shall be placed on conditional status for one year from the date this Order is approved.

This the 20th day of September 2004.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

BOARD SEAL

President

NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: 200408-031

IN THE MATTER OF: R. Curtis Kriner, #17656

ORDER

THIS CAUSE coming before the Board on September 20, 2004, at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present, the Board finds, based on the clear and convincing evidence presented, that:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. R. Curtis Kriner (hereinafter "Mr. Kriner") is the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina and is therefore subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) and Title 21, Chapter 8 of the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC), including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. Mr. Kriner failed to timely file the annual firm registration in accordance with provisions as required by NCGS 93-12 (7b) and 21 NCAC 8J .0108(b).
- 3. Mr. Kriner provided information to the Board that his firm would not be renewing its firm registration for 2004 which was received by the Board on April 8, 2004, in excess of 60 days but not more than 120 days from the annual firm registration date.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Mr. Kriner's failure to timely file the annual firm registration or to inform the Board as to the status of his firm's registration prior to the prescribed filing date is a violation of NCGS 93-12 (7b) and 21 NCAC 8J .0108(b).

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, the Board orders that:

1. Mr. Kriner shall pay a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) civil penalty.

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2. Mr. Kriner's certificate shall be placed on conditional status for one year from the date this Order is approved.

This the 20th day of September 2004.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

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BY: President

NORTH CAROLINA **WAKE COUNTY**

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED **PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS** CASE #: 200408-032

IN THE MATTER OF: William Howard Field, #16422

ORDER

THIS CAUSE coming before the Board on September 20, 2004, at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present, the Board finds, based on the clear and convincing evidence presented, that:

FINDINGS OF FACT

William Howard Field (hereinafter "Mr. Field") is the holder of a 1. certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina and is therefore subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) and Title 21, Chapter 8 of the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC), including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.

2. Mr. Field failed to ensure that his firm timely obtained a State Quality Review (SQR) in accordance with provisions as required by

NCGS 93-12 (8c) and 21 NCAC 8M. 0102.

Mr. Field subsequently provided documentation to the Board that his 3. firm's SQR, which was due to be completed on or before December 31, 2003, was completed on March 8, 2004, in excess of 60 days but not more than 120 days from the required completion date.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Mr. Field's failure to timely obtain a SQR prior to the prescribed 1. completion date is a violation of NCGS 93-12 (8c) and 21 NCAC 8M .0102.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, the Board orders that:

1. Mr. Field shall pay a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) civil penalty.

2. Mr. Field's certificate shall be placed on conditional status for one year from the date this Order is approved.

This the 20th day of September 2004.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

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NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: 200103-011 and 200106-054

IN THE MATTER OF: Jerry Uriah Britt, #13952 Jerry U. Britt, CPA, P.A. Respondents

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the Board at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to NCGS 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate the following Findings:

- 1. Respondent Jerry Uriah Britt (hereinafter "Respondent Britt") was the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina. Said certificate was suspended for failure to comply with State Quality Review requirements but could otherwise have been reinstated upon proper application and proof of compliance with the Board's previous Order.
- 2. Respondent Jerry U. Britt, CPA, P.A. (hereinafter "Respondent firm") is a licensed certified public accounting professional corporation in North Carolina. Respondent Britt is the president and sole shareholder of Respondent firm.
- 3. Respondent Britt and Respondent firm are therefore subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) and Title 21, Chapter 8 of the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC), including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.

Count 1 - Failure to Comply with Board Orders

4. In August of 2001, Respondent Britt entered into a Consent Order with the Board regarding attest services that he provided through Respondent firm to three North Carolina towns. In addition to other requirements, that Consent Order mandated that Respondent Britt obtain pre-issuance reviews of all governmental audits completed by Respondent Britt or Respondent firm during the period from August 20, 2001, through March 20, 2003. However,

Respondent Britt failed to comply with the pre-issuance review requirements of the August 2001 Consent Order.

- 5. In September of 2003, Respondent Britt signed a Supplemental Consent Order agreeing to obtain pre-issuance reviews of all audits until such time as Respondent firm receives an unmodified opinion on a peer review which includes at least one governmental audit.
- 6. On October 22, 2003, Board staff served Respondent Britt with a copy of the Supplemental Consent Order approved by the Board at its October 20, 2003, meeting. Accompanying the Supplemental Consent Order was a letter from the Board reminding Respondent Britt that, pursuant to the terms of the Supplemental Consent Order, he was required to have pre-issuance reviews of all audits until the Board received and accepted an unmodified peer review report which included at least one governmental audit. In said letter, Respondent Britt was also reminded that he must obtain Board approval of any pre-issuance reviewer and that the reviewer would need to provide the Board with a copy of the reviewer's report and any comments.
- 7. On January 13, 2004, Board staff received a telephone call from the North Carolina Local Government Commission (LGC) regarding Respondent Britt's pre-issuance review of the Town of Mt. Olive's 2003 audit. The LGC subsequently provided to Board staff a copy of a January 15, 2004, letter from the LGC to Respondent Britt regarding corrections to the 2003 Mt. Olive audit and asking Respondent Britt for a copy of the pre-issuance review report.
- 8. On February 19, 2004, Board staff wrote to Respondent Britt regarding the attest services that he was providing to clients and his explanation as to how he was in compliance with the pre-issuance review requirement as mandated by his Supplemental Consent Order.
- 9. On March 17, 2004, Board staff sent a second letter to Respondent Britt's last known business address by certified/return receipt mail requesting his response to Board staff's February 19, 2004, letter. The letter was received and signed for by a representative of Respondent firm on March 18, 2004.
- 10. On April 13, 2004, Board staff received Respondent Britt's response to Board staff's February 19, 2004, letter. In said response, Respondent Britt stated that he had prepared at least one audit during 2003 but Respondent Britt did not explain how he had complied with the Supplemental Consent Order.
- 11. After Board staff requested additional information in a letter dated April 16, 2004, Respondent Britt replied, in a letter dated April 30, 2004, that he had not

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obtained a pre-issuance review of the audit because the audit was already late. Respondent Britt claimed that his delay was caused by a delay in receiving information from the Town of Mt. Olive.

Count 2 - Failure to Comply with State Quality Review

- 12. On February 3, 2004, Board staff received a 2004 renewal for Respondent firm submitted by Respondent Britt. Respondent Britt and Respondent firm failed to submit, with the renewal for Respondent firm, information showing compliance with the Board's State Quality Review (SQR) program as mandated by previous Board Rule 21 NCAC 8M .0102 (b) which was required to be completed by December 31, 2003.
- 13. On February 18, 2004, Board staff sent a letter, by certified/return receipt mail, to Respondent firm and Respondent Britt's last known business address requesting that Respondents provide the Board with documentation proving compliance with the Board's SQR program. Respondents signed the return receipt card on February 19, 2004.
- 14. To date, no response has been received from either Respondent regarding the SQR for Respondent firm.
- 15. Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Order with the Board *ex parte*, whether or not the Board accepts this Order as written.
 - BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:
- 1. Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) and Title 21, Chapter 8 of the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC), including the Rules of Professional Ethics and
- 2. Respondent Britt's failure to comply with the terms of the previous Supplemental Consent Order constitutes a violation of 93-12 (9)e and 21 NCAC 8N .0203 (b)(3).
- 3. Respondent Britt's and Respondent firm's failure to ensure that Respondent firm obtained a peer review in compliance with the Board's previous State Quality Review Program (now entitled "Peer Review Program") constitutes a violation of NCGS 93-12 (8c) and 21 NCAC 8M .0102.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings under 21 NCAC Chapter 8C, the Board and Respondent agree to the following Order:

- 1. Respondent Britt and Respondent firm are suspended from participating in any audit services for at least five (5) years. After five (5) years, Respondent Britt and Respondent firm may petition the Board for reinstatement of the privilege to participate in audit services. A condition of said privilege, in the discretion of the Board, may be a requirement that Respondent Britt pass the audit portion of the CPA exam or its equivalent under the Uniform CPA Examination requirements.
- 2. Respondent Britt and Respondent firm shall have a peer review and a tax practice review with the scope of the reviews to be determined by the Board and the reviewer to be approved by the Board
- Neither Respondent Britt nor Respondent firm shall perform review or compilation services until such time as Respondent firm obtains a peer review and receives notification from the peer review program administrator that his peer review has been accepted. If Respondent firm fails to receive an unqualified opinion on said peer review, Respondent Britt or Respondent firm shall obtain pre-issuance review of all reviews and compilations prepared by Respondent Britt or prepared on behalf of Respondent firm until Respondent firm receives an unqualified opinion for a peer review which includes a review of at least one review and one compilation engagement. The pre-issuance reviewer shall be approved by the Board prior to performing said reviews. Respondent firm may not use the same individual to perform both the peer review and any pre-issuance reviews.
- 4. Respondent shall pay two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) in administrative costs.

CONSENTED TO THIS THE 20th DAY OF September 2004.

Respondent

APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE 20th DAY OF September 2004.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

BOARD SEAL

BY: Daworl D Clas